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RUSSIA HOLDS THE KEY OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION IN EUROPE

Attitude of the Russian and German Emperors is Being Closely Watched and General Conviction is That They Can Embroil all Europe in War or Save her from it

BRITISH GOVERNMENT WORKING HARD TO PREVENT GREAT CALAMITOUS WAR

Meanwhile the Various Great Powers are Making all Necessary Preparations for War and Armies are Being Massed in Strategic Positions

London, July 29.—Reports of the massing of armies in strategic positions came from all parts of Europe today, but no actual clashes are registered.

Prime Minister Asquith referred to the international situation in the House of Commons, but all the information that he was able to impart was contained in a few words.

"I can only say that the British Government is not relaxing its efforts to do everything in its power to circumscribe the area of the conflict."

In reply to a question, the Premier said, that the British Government had received no information as to an alleged revolutionary outbreak in Russian Poland.

NO ACTIVE HOSTILITIES YET BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND SERBIA

London, July 29.—The Chronicles Correspondent at Semlin, telegraphing on Tuesday, says that there have been no active hostilities between Serbia and Austria beyond an exchange of shots between the frontier river patrols.

The last foreign residents at Belgrade, he says, have just crossed the river in a steamer flying the Russian flag. Meanwhile the Serbian army gives no sign of life, and no trace can be found of any such army, searching parties having been unable to locate the elusive Serbs.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT QUIETLY PREPARING FOR HOSTILITIES

Paris, July 29.—The French Government and people appear to be quietly preparing for war. The government is simply awaiting the decision of Russia.

The average citizen reads of what is transpiring in his newspaper, the general instructions concerning mobilizing, but he has long had orders instructing him precisely when and where to report for service.

The Cabinet met late this afternoon and received reports from the ministers. If any decisions have been taken they have been kept closely guarded.

TIMES MAKES NEW SUGGESTION FOR SETTLEMENT OF IRISH AFFAIRS

London, July 29.—That the Government should take up the Irish problem where the Buckingham Palace Conference collapsed at once and exclude Tyrone and Fermanagh from the operation of the Home Rule Bill on the distinct understanding that such an arrangement is devised to meet temporary exigencies is the recommendation of the Times.

That proposal arises from the international situation, the argument of the Times being "It is imperative that we patch up our domestic differences without delay in order to strengthen Britain in Europe."

"The mere postponement of the Irish Bill will not suffice after Sunday's events," continues the Times, "and whatever is done must be tangible and concrete."

Giant and the Pygmy Of European States Now Involved In War

A Comparison of the Standing of the Two Nations Now at Each Other's Throat in Europe—Serbia and Austria-Hungary Differ in Many Respects as to National Standing and Racial Characteristics

HISTORY OF BOTH OF THE NATIONS HAS BEEN MOST TROUBLED

Austria is an Empire by Virtue of its Conquest of Hungary and Other States Who Have Little in Common, While Serbia is a Brave, United Nation Which has Won its Independence After a Long Struggle

AUSTRIA

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY is the name for a nation that is not a nation, for the Empire, in the first place, is composed of two principal states that are populated by distinct races that have but little in common and that are mutually distrustful of each other.

The present dual arrangement between Austria and Hungary was brought about by the Agreement of 1867, prior to which time Hungary had struggled bravely for independence.

Under the existing administrative arrangement affairs common to the two states are handled by a single ministry, while each provides, assesses and collects its own revenues.

The total area of the Dominions of Austria-Hungary is 240,456 square miles, and excepting Russia, this is the largest state in Europe.

The combined population is 45,500,000. The Empire has six cities with over 100,000 inhabitants each and Vienna, the imperial capital, has a population of a million and a half.

While the Empire is very rich in mineral wealth and possesses extensive mining industries, still over two-thirds of the population follow agricultural pursuits.

Military service is compulsory throughout the Austro-Hungarian

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SERBIA

THE Serbians are physically a stalwart race. They are hospitable, energetic and brave. Though proud, quick-tempered and apt to fight on comparatively slight occasion, they are fond of social intercourse, and cling to old customs and beliefs.

Their dwellings are of the poorest kind, consisting merely of mudhuts, which are usually small, low, and devoid of anything in the way of ornament.

The Servians are thoroughly democratic in their institutions; each family owns the ground it tills, so that in the country day-laborers are scarce.

They act on the principle of service for service, and expect in a similar emergency to receive help in their turn. All Servians are proud and are equal under the King.

There is no pauperism in the country. The old and sick are maintained by their neighbors in the rural districts, and in the towns by the commune or by the workmen's associations.

Education is compulsory and free.

FIRST BRITISH FLEET HAS SAILED NORTH SEA SAID TO BE DESTINATION

Portland, July 29.—The first British fleet sailed today, under secret orders from the Admiralty. Its destination is believed to be the North Sea.

All patients were removed from the ships' hospitals before the fleet's departure. Admiral Callaghan is in command.

RUSSIAN OFFICIALS BELIEVE COUNTRY WILL SOON BE INVOLVED

St. Petersburg, July 29.—Russian officials believe that their country will be at war within a short time. Prince Tubetzker, chief of the near eastern division at the Foreign Office, said today, that the situation had reached the most dangerous point.

SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION REFLECTED ON STOCK EXCHANGES

London, July 29.—The seriousness of the European situation was reflected today on the London stock exchange, where British Consols dropped at one time to 69½, the lowest point reached since the early years of last century.

A COMPARISON table with columns for Austria and Serbia, rows for Area, Population, Standing Army, and War Footing.

and is making rapid strides. There is a university at Belgrade and there are schools in every village. Not only do children of all classes receive education, but very poor children receive a small allowance from the government to support them during the time they must study in the secondary and higher schools.

Religion of Serbia The religion of the Servians is similar to that of Russia, being that of the Greek Orthodox, or Eastern Catholic Church.

The Servians are an eminently pious race. The fasts of the Church are rigidly observed, and the peasant never fails in the morning to invoke a blessing on the coming day.

Time of Good Cheer The particular house concerned is decorated with branches and flowers and the nearest relations meet at a banquet presided over by the head of the family.

Situation and Occupations The country is situated to the South-east of Hungary, from which it is separated by the rivers Danube and Save and it has a total area of 18,650 square miles.

The executive power is in the hands of ministers responsible to the King and to the National Assembly—Skupshtina, which consists of one hundred and sixty members, besides which there is also a State Council of sixteen members.

The history of the Servians begins in 638 A.D., from which time until 1389 they were more or less independent. At the latter date, however, the country was conquered by the Turks of whose empire it formed a province until the early years of the nineteenth century.

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DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND FAMILY NARROWLY ESCAPE DROWNING

Their Motor Boat Struck a Floating Log And Rescue Boats Arrived in the Very Nick of Time

Ottawa, July 29.—The Duke of Connaught, the Duchess and Princess Patricia narrowly escaped drowning last Saturday when two motor boats in which they were passengers on the Lake of the Woods at Kenora struck floating logs with such speed that holes were driven through their tin sheeting.

GREEN BAY AND TREATY SHORE FISHERY IS ALMOST A BLANK

Was Never Worse, Says Mr. Coaker—Total Catch From Quirpon to C. St. Francis Only 40,000 Qtls.

Fortune Hr., July 29.—The Green Bay and Treaty Shore fishery is almost a blank; never worse.

Traps average 5 qtls. Hook and line. No improvements anywhere during the last ten days and many traps have been taken up.

The lobster fishery is not half of last year's catch. Price being paid locally is \$26.00 Price of fish locally \$7.50.

The catch of fish for shoremens and floaters from Quirpon to Cape St. Francis doesn't exceed forty thousand quintals, or less than Green Bay catch alone in 1912.

SAYS BRITAIN WILL STAND BY HER ALLIES

If France is Menaced Then Great Britain Will Actively Assist Her

ALLIES WILL ALSO PROTECT BELGIUM

Times Says That Great Britain Will Not Be Slow in Actively Protesting

London, July 30.—A Times editorial on the war crisis says "If France is menaced or the safety of the Belgian frontier, which we guaranteed with France and Russia, we shall know how to act. We can no more afford to see France crushed by Germany or the balance of power upset against France, than Germany can afford to see Austria-Hungary crushed by Russia."

"Upon that issue, should it have to be determined by arms, our friends and our enemies will find that we think and act with one accord."

HAVE BROKEN OFF ALL RELATIONS?

London, July 30.—According to The Times, direct diplomatic intercourse between Austria and Great Britain was suspended yesterday.

WAR SPIRIT NOW RULES AUSTRIA

Vienna, July 30.—The war spirit in the Austrian capital is hourly increasing. The streets of Vienna last night were crowded with enthusiastic processions. Traffic was brought to a standstill.

AUSTRIANS NOW AT BELGRADE

London, July 30.—A Vienna despatch of the Exchange Telegraph Company says that after a heavy bombardment by Danube Gunboats, Belgrade was occupied by the Austrian troops Wednesday.

PRINCE OF TECK TO GO TO CANADA

London, July 30.—Prince Alexander of Teck, new Governor-General of Canada, with the Princess Alexander, sail on the Empress of Britain on Oct. 16th for Quebec.

BERLIN FOLK ARE WORRIED

As to the Result of Negotiations Between their Country and Russia

Berlin, July 29.—The public are anxiously awaiting the result of a Cabinet Council, held last evening, on the Austro-Serbian situation, but nothing has transpired to relieve the suspense.

Meanwhile news continues to pour into Berlin regarding Russian Military measures. The French Embassy professes to have assurances from the German Government that Germany would not regard a Russian mobilization on the Austria frontier as an absolute cause of war.

CANADA BUILDS \$100,000 SAFE

Which is Safeguarded By An Elaborate System Of Burglar Alarms

Ottawa, July 26.—The strong box of the Dominion treasury has been made stronger still by the installation of an extensive system of vaults and safes in the new wing of the eastern block at Ottawa.

It is in these new quarters that the Dominion treasury will hereafter be located, and the bullion, Dominion notes, bonds and specie deposited.

Portia left Marystown at 9.20 a.m. She is due here to-morrow evening.

Prospero arrived at Wesleyville at 8 and left at 9.15 a.m.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Moderate Winds; fair today and Friday.